



Supporting Indigenous Communities in Protection of Rights and the Environment

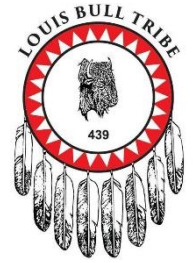
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LOUIS BULL TRIBE (LBT)



- ❖ LBT is located south of Wetaskiwin. LBT is a signatory of Treaty 6 and is one of the four First Nations with reserve lands in Maskwacis (Bear Hills).
- ❖ Cree community consisting of 1,500 on-reserve residents and 1,800 residents living off-reserve, including the Edmonton and Hinton area including the Smallboy (Mountain Cree) Camp by Hinton.
- ❖ LBT members have familial ties to other First Nation communities and currently practice traditional land uses as far as central and northeast British Columbia, western Saskatchewan, Montana, and northern Alberta.



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SOLSTICE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT



- ❖ Solstice has been providing specialized environmental management services in western Canada since 2002.
- ❖ We are an equal opportunity women owned and operated business, with gender and racial diversity.
- ❖ Core business areas:
 1. Land Use Management/Planning & Regulatory Support
 2. Phase I and II Environmental Assessment, Remediation and Reclamation
 3. Advocacy & Strategic Solutions – Co-developed projects with our indigenous partners that promote sustainability and reduce cumulative effects



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TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Call to Action #92

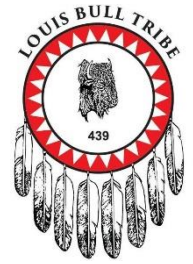
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TRC RECOMMENDATIONS



1. Commit to meaningful consultation, building respectful relationships, and obtaining the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous peoples before proceeding with economic development projects

What does this mean?



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TRC RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

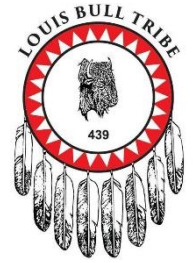
2. Ensure that Aboriginal peoples have equitable access to jobs, training, and education opportunities in the corporate sector, and that Aboriginal communities gain long-term sustainable benefits from economic development projects



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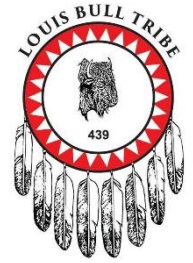


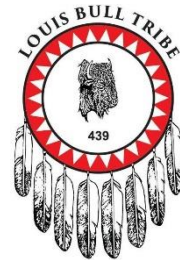
3. Provide education for management and staff on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.



THE OPPORTUNITY

- ❖ Environmental professionals and consultants have a unique opportunity in achieving reconciliation as their business line – environmental protection – directly supports the protection of Indigenous rights and traditional uses.
- ❖ Partnerships between Indigenous communities and environmental professionals are mutually beneficial in that most people who embark upon a career in this field do so with the goal to protect the environment and all the species that depend on it.





THE OPPORTUNITY (continued)

- ❖ The Louis Bull Tribe has formed a partnership with Solstice Environmental Management that is designed to achieve the goals outlined in the TRC Call to Action 92.
- ❖ The partnership provides expertise, support in time management, human resources, capacity building and ultimately protection of the land that is becoming more and more scarce.

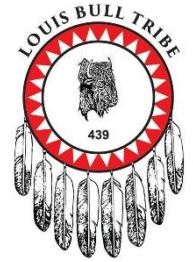


Business and reconciliation

Learn how the Government of Canada is responding to
Call to Action 92.

Based on data provided August 2021.

[Business and reconciliation \(rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca\)](https://businessandreconciliation.caanc-cirnac.gc.ca)



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- i. Commit to meaningful consultation, building respectful relationships, and obtaining the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous peoples before proceeding with economic development projects.
- ii. Ensure that Aboriginal peoples have equitable access to jobs, training, and education opportunities in the corporate sector, and that Aboriginal communities gain long-term sustainable benefits from economic development projects.
- iii. Provide education for management and staff on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

▼ [What's happening?](#)

The corporate sector in Canada is responsible for the response to Call to Action 92.

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SUPPORTING LANDS & CONSULTATION

Consultation Support and Facilitation of Traditional Land Use Studies

Solstice provides input and expertise to ensure LBT access to traditional territories are maintained through assisting with data collection, project planning & set-up and bridging traditional knowledge and western science.



Regulatory Support

Solstice assists with highlighting cumulative effects and potential adverse impacts to Inherent Rights and Treaty Rights of the planned development, supporting LBT in creating Statement of Concerns for new developments and expansions. Solstice also supports LBT with establishing memorandum of understanding and working groups between LBT and proponents to allow for input and participation in the development.

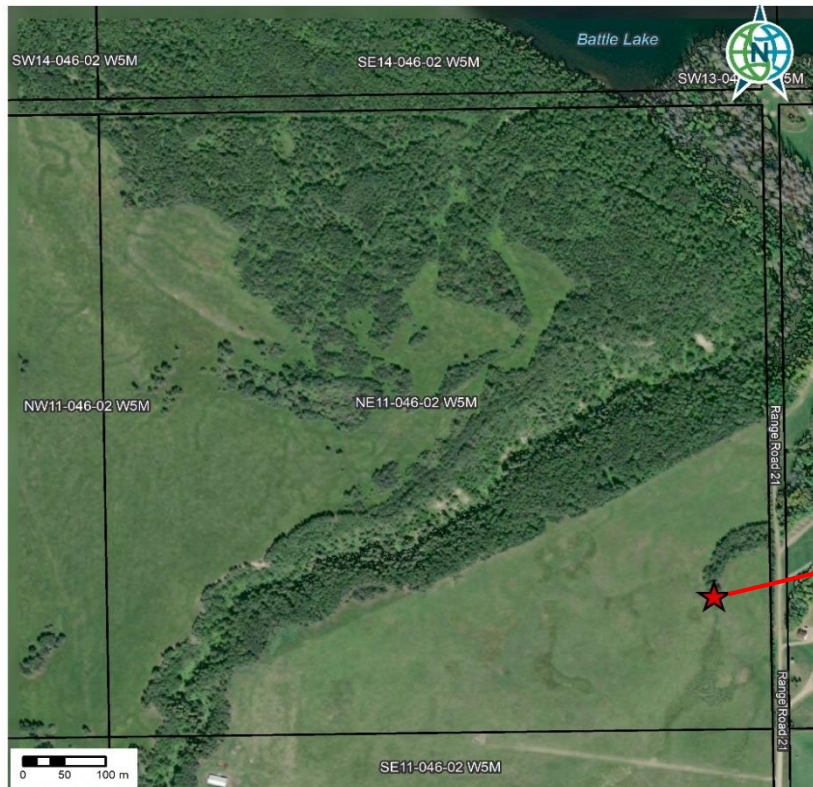
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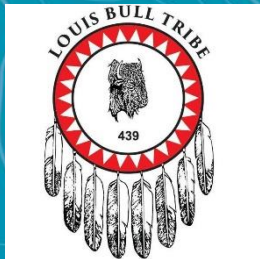
LBT Baseline Mapping: Lands for Prosperity



- Erosion activity from cattle trampling along tributary of Battle Lake.
- Sedimentation and nutrient loading contributes to decreased fish health and blue-green algal blooms in the lake.
- Potential candidates for fencing to help exclude cattle from further degrading water systems.



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QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

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